

VILLAGE OF BRIDGEVIEW
PARK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
7500 SOUTH OKETO AVENUE, BRIDGEVIEW, IL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 30, 2014
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Park Development Committee was called to order by Secretary/Attorney Khalil at 7:00p.m. on June 30, 2014.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated that the following members were present:
John Altar, Marwan Al Safadi, Alan Kruse, Gary Lewis
Absent: Mayor Landek, Halema Aduib, Oussama Jammal

Also present: Attorney Khalil, Bob Collins, Patricia Barker

NEW BUSINESS

The approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2014 was tabled until Secretary Parks's return from vacation.

A discussion was held regarding the date of the next public meeting to be held at the Mosque Foundation to solicit public comment.

Bob Collins of RCG Design presented the overall park plan to the Committee. The project has been in phases of design for a number of years. The most recent hurdle was securing the ComEd lease, which required a full set of plans. The current plans represent design in accordance with meetings held with residents and the Mayor. The design will consist of a neighborhood park and an athletic complex, connected by a multi-purpose trail.

The Open Space Land Development Grant takes exception to certain language in the ComEd lease, and therefore funding from that Grant has not been possible. Mr. Collins mentioned that the development can be done in stages. A discussion was held regarding the parking spaces for the neighborhood park.

Member Altar asked who would maintain the park, the Village or the Park District. The Committee does not yet know. Member Altar suggested adding a dog park and a skate park. Mr. Collins mentioned that there is still room to tweak the design.

Member Al Safadi asked how many children could use the playground and Mr. Collins estimated 50-60 children.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Maher Khattab, 9250 S. Beloit

Mr. Khattab asked about the fencing of the neighborhood park and 'bad activity' behind park in the railroad track area. Mr. Collins mentioned that there are plans to fence off the railroad in the sports complex, but they will have to see if it makes sense to add fencing in the neighborhood park. There will also be plantings and prairie areas to surround the parks.

b. Tim Dzieciatkowski, 7517 S. Octavia

Mr. Dzieciatkowski asked if there is a maximum square footage of the neighborhood park per the lease agreement and the current plans. Mr. Collins responded that the playground is approximately 6000 sq. ft.

c. Kamal Eldeirawi, 9250 S. Beloit

Mr. Eldeirawi, a board member of the condo association, asked about the timeline of the project in light of the growing number of children in the area. He asked about funding options and whether there will be any action this summer. Chairman Lewis responded that it is a priority but that a specific timeline cannot be provided at this time. Mr. Eldeirawi expressed concern about bad activity in the bushes near the park.

A discussion was held regarding lighting and the consensus was that low-lighting with motion detectors would be best.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Kruse and seconded by Member Altar.

AYES: 4- Members Altar, Al Safadi, Kruse, Lewis

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 3- Mayor Landek, Member Jammal, Member Aduib
There being four affirmative votes, the motion CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved: July 21, 2014

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Khalil J. Khalil, Substitute Recording Secretary

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Gary Lewis, Chairman